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Dear Sheldon:

We have received a request under the Freedom of Information Act for copies of the letters of invitation and of any other materials prepared for the visit to CIA Headquarters by yourself and the three university presidents on the fourteenth of last June. As you know, the fact that the visit occurred was not classified, though we saw no reason to publicize it. We shall probably be obliged to comply with the FOIA request by providing copies of the letters of invitation and of the schedules prepared for the day. I believe we may assume that you will have no objection to this release, but I do invite any comment you may care to make.

We firmly believe that visits to the Agency such as the one in which you participated have been of benefit on both sides. We are especially grateful to our visitors for their interest, their candor, and the probing questions they have directed to our people. We have certainly learned a great deal that is useful for us to know about the conduct of our relations with academia. We also hope, and dare believe, that our guests left us with a better understanding of our appreciation of academic values as well as of how we do our job of collecting and assessing foreign intelligence.

Sincerely,

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